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Former fugitive is re-indicted in 2000 gun store robbery

Federal agents arrested Timi Wallace last month in New York

A federal grand jury in Providence has returned an indictment charging **Timi¹ Wallace**, 32, in a September 2000 robbery at D&B Guns on North Main Street in Providence. Federal agents arrested Wallace in New York City last month.

United States Attorney Robert Clark Corrente, Thomas Wlodyka, Resident Agent in Charge of the Providence office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and Providence Police Chief Dean Esserman jointly announced a four-count indictment, which the grand jury returned yesterday in U.S. District Court. The indictment supersedes one brought against Wallace shortly after the robbery.

The indictment alleges that, on September 25, 2000, Timi Wallace, along with his brother, Nickoyan Wallace, held up D&B's owner and a clerk at gunpoint and, after ordering the clerk to open a gun case, made off with six handguns – four .45 caliber pistols, a .40 caliber pistol and a .50 caliber pistol.

Providence Police arrested Nickoyan Wallace about two weeks after the robbery. In November 2001, a federal jury convicted him of robbery, gun theft, and firearms violations. In March 2002, U.S. District Court Judge Ronald R. Lagueux sentenced Nickoyan to 17 years in federal prison.

¹Pronounced: Tim-EYE

Timi Wallace remained a fugitive. ATF agents continued to track his movements, unsuccessfully following leads on two occasions to the Miami, Florida, area. In June, the U.S. Marshals Service placed him on its list of 15 Most Wanted Fugitives. On July 20, a team of Deputy Marshals and ATF agents arrested him in the Bronx, New York City. He is detained at the Wyatt Federal Detention Center, Central Falls, and will be brought into U.S. District Court for arraignment.

The indictment charges Timi Wallace with one count each of conspiracy to commit armed robbery, armed robbery, stealing guns from a licensed dealer, and using a firearm during a crime of violence. An indictment is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Upon conviction, the statutory maximum penalties for the offenses charged are: conspiracy and armed robbery – 20 years imprisonment; theft of guns from a licensed dealer – ten years imprisonment; using a firearm during a crime of violence – seven years imprisonment, consecutive to other sentences imposed. Each offense also carries a maximum \$250,000 fine.

Providence Police and the **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives** investigated the gun shop robbery. **ATF** and the **United States Marshals Service** conducted the search for Timi Wallace. Assistant U.S. Attorney Adi Goldstein is prosecuting the case against him.

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